

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the abstract to read as follows. A marked-up copy of the original abstract, showing the changes made thereto, is attached. Also attached is a copy of the abstract, as amended, on a separate sheet.

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

62 A water-metachromatic sheet has a support with a porous layer containing a binder resin with dispersed fine-particle silicic acid. The sheet is capable of rendering different transparency between water absorbed and unabsorbed states. The support is a cloth having a weight per unit area of 30 gm² to 1,000 gm², the fine-particle silicic acid is contained in an amount of from 1 gm² to 30 gm², and the fine-particle silicic acid is incorporated in an amount from 0.5 to 2 parts by weight based on 1 part by weight of the binder resin.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 9 and 10-12 and add new claims 19-20 to read as follows. A marked-up copy of the amended claims showing the changes made thereto, is attached.

Sub B1) 1. (Amended) A water-metachromatic cloth sheet which comprises a cloth and a porous layer formed thereon, said porous layer comprising a binder resin having fine-particle silicic acid fixed in a dispersed state therein, said water-metachromatic cloth sheet exhibiting different transparency between a water-absorbed state and a water-unabsorbed state,

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R wherein said cloth has a weight per unit area of 30 g/m² to 1,000 g/m², the amount of said fine-particle silicic acid in said porous layer is 1 g/m² to 30 g/m², and the amount of said fine-particle silicic acid per 1 part by weight of the binder is 0.5 to 2 parts by weight.

2. (Amended) The water-metachromatic cloth sheet according to claim 1, wherein said fine-particle silicic acid has a two-dimensional structure produced by a wet process and a particle diameter of 0.03 μm to 10 μm, and said binder resin is a polyurethane resin.

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R 6. (Amended) The water-metachromatic cloth sheet according to claim 4, wherein said cloth is a quadrilateral cut sheet having a side of 50 cm or longer.

7. (Amended) A toy set comprising the water-metachromatic cloth sheet according to claim 1, and means for providing water thereto.

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R 9. (Amended) The water-metachromatic toy set according to claim 8, wherein said means for providing water is said writing instrument, which comprises:

a hollow main body;

a pen point member formed of a synthetic resin porous member or fibrous worked member and fitted to a front end of the main body such that the front end of said pen point projects to the exterior from the main body and extends inwardly into the hollow interior of the main body;

a water absorber held in the hollow interior of said main body, said water

absorber being formed of a fiber bunch which is in contact with the rear end of said pen point member to provide water thereto; and

means for communicating air between said hollow interior of said main body and the exterior of the same.

Sub 1357 10. (Amended) The water-metachromatic toy set according to claim 8, wherein said means for providing water is said writing instrument, which comprises:

a cylindrical container capable of holding water therein, the container being formed with an opening at a tip end thereof to communicate the interior of the container with the exterior thereof;

a pen point member having a pen point at a tip end thereof;

24 a holder which directly holds said pen point member and is detachably fitted in said opening of said container so that a rear end of said pen point member is exposed to the interior of said container;

when said holder is fitted in said opening, said container is closed by said holder so that water is supplied to said pen point member; and

when said holder is detached therefrom, said opening is usable to supply water therethrough into the container.

11. (Amended) The water-metachromatic toy set according to claim 10, wherein a gap is formed between said pen point member and said holder so that, when said holder is fitted in said opening of said container, water is held in said gap by capillary force.

Sub B57 12. A writing instrument for a water-metachromatic member which is capable of rendering different transparency between a water absorbed state and a water unabsorbed state and which comprises a support layer and a porous layer formed thereon, said porous layer comprising a binder resin and a fine-particle silicic acid fixed in a dispersed state in said binder resin:

24 said writing instrument comprising a hollow main body, a pen point member formed of a synthetic resin porous member or fibrous worked member and so fitted to a front end of the main body such that the front end of said pen point member projects to the exterior from the main body and a rear end of said pen point member extends inwardly into the interior of the main body;

a water absorber held in the hollow interior of said main body said water absorber being formed of a fiber bunch which is in contact with the rear end of the pen point member to provide water thereto; and

means for communicating air between said hollow interior of said main body and the exterior.

25 19. (New) The water-metachromatic toy set according to claim 9, wherein said air communicating means comprises a hole formed through said main body.

Sub B57 20. (New) The water-metachromatic toy set according to claim 19, wherein said hole is formed through the rear end of said main body.